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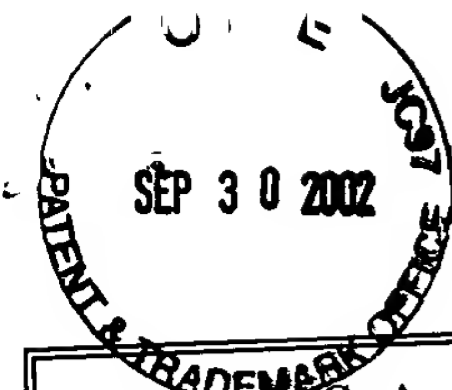
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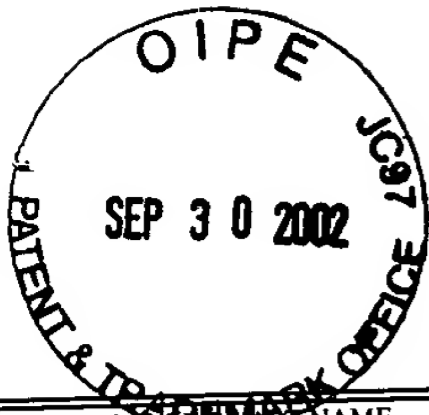
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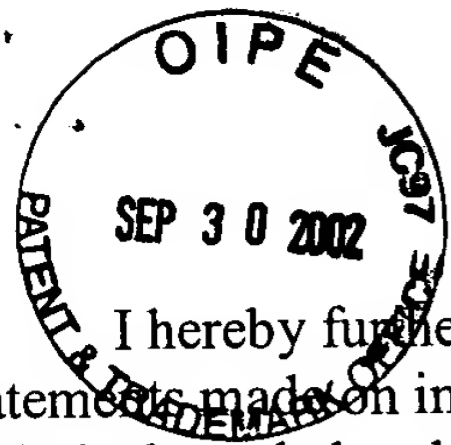
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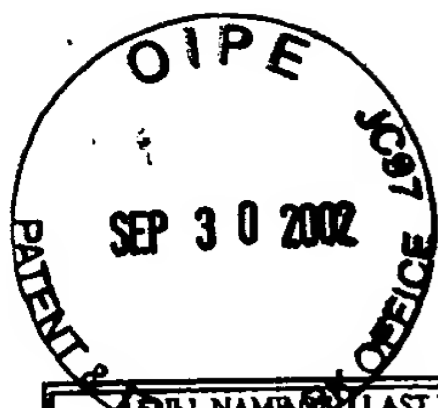
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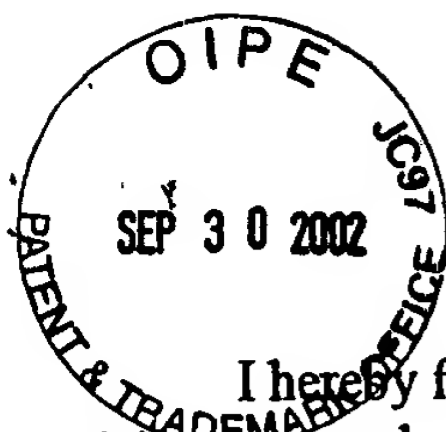
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By:

Regina M. Edwards
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Sir:

DECLARATION OF KATHRYN A. PIFFAT, Ph.D., UNDER MPEP § 608.01(p)

I, Kathryn A. Piffat, Ph.D., declare as follows:

1. I am presently an associate and patent attorney employed by the Dike, Bronstein, Roberts & Cushman Intellectual Property Practice Group of EDWARDS & ANGELL, LLP, at 101 Federal Street, Boston, MA 02110-1800 (mailing address: P.O. Box 9169, Boston, MA 02209). My patent practitioner registration number is 34,901.

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2. Edwards & Angell, LLP, are currently the legal representatives of Whatman, Inc., with respect to the subject application U.S.S.N. 09/725,897, filed November 30, 2000.

3. The subject application, on page 19 (lines 15-18) as originally filed, described a preferred embodiment for producing cDNA by incorporation by reference of the disclosures of U.S. patent application 09/076,115 and U.S. provisional application 60/122,395.

4. The subject application was filed neither by me nor by any practitioner at the firm of Edwards & Angell, LLP.

5. U.S. patent application 09/076,115 and U.S. provisional application 60/122,395 likewise were filed neither by me nor by any practitioner at the firm of Edwards & Angell, LLP.

6. The subject application U.S.S.N. 09/725,897 was purchased by Whatman, Inc., from Invitrogen Corporation.

7. U.S. patent application 09/076,115 and U.S. provisional application 60/122,395 are not owned by Whatman, Inc.

8. An electronic copy of the purported text of U.S. patent application 09/076,115 and a hard copy of the purported text of U.S. provisional application 60/122,395 were provided to me by Robert W. Esmond, an attorney at Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox, Attorneys at Law, 1100 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

9. It is my understanding that Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox are currently legal representatives of Invitrogen Corporation, from whom Whatman, Inc., purchased the subject application U.S.S.N. 09/725,897.

10. Pertinent portions of the purported texts of U.S. patent application 09/076,115 and U.S. provisional application 60/122,395 were included in the Amendment (submitted herewith) to be inserted into the text in response to the Examiner's request in the Office Action mailed March 26, 2002.

11. To the best of my belief, the inserted portions of the texts are true copies of the corresponding portions of the texts provided to me by Robert W. Esmond, which are purportedly the disclosures of U.S. patent application 09/076,115 and U.S. provisional application 60/122,395, and therefore, also to the best of my belief, the amendatory material consists of the same material incorporated by reference in the subject referencing application U.S.S.N. 09/725,897.

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